



NELSON COLLEGE

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Friday 11 February 2022

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Tēnā koutou kātoa,

A formal welcome to 2022, especially to our new students and whānau. Today is the end of week 2 of our first term and things are going well. A big thank you to everyone – whānau, Deans and other staff, for getting our students and the wider college off to a smooth start.



COVID-19

The school is currently planning for disruption as a result of the predicted Omicron surge. Below is information about various aspects of our planning that affect students and whānau.

Masks

Thank you for everyone’s support of this government mandate. We’ve been pleased by the high support for this mandate with students and staff wearing masks or working through the exemptions process with their Dean.



School Calendar

The expected disruption has meant that we’ve decided to cancel a number of calendar events, especially in Term 1. These are:

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| • Tuesday 1 st March | Athletics Day: | <i>cancelled</i> |
| • Wednesday 9 th March | House Swimming Sports: | <i>cancelled</i> |
| • Saturday 13 th March | Boarding Weekend: | <i>cancelled</i> |
| • Monday 21 st March | Parent Interviews: | <i>changed to online interviews</i> |
| • Wednesday 23 rd March | Parent Interviews: | <i>changed to online interviews</i> |
| • Friday 8 th April | Battle of the Bands: | <i>cancelled</i> |
| • Wednesday 13 th April | ANZAC Service: | <i>this will be live-streamed</i> |
| • 28 th March – 1 st April | Summer Tournament: | <i>see below</i> |
| • Monday 4 th – 8 th July | Combined School Production: | <i>cancelled</i> |

Year 9 Parents Evening

We are currently planning an online version of the annual Year 9 Parents evening. We’ll be in touch shortly about this.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We are working with external software providers to provide virtual, online parent-teacher interviews. Please note we will include boarding parents in these online interviews alongside our day boy parents. We will be in touch with arrangements for these.

Upcoming Events:

FEBRUARY

- 23 Pd 4 & 5 Paid Union Meeting
- 24-25 Class Photos

MARCH

- 21 & 23 Parent Teacher Interviews

Sport

The New Zealand Secondary School Sports Council (NZSSSC) and Sports Tasman have stipulated that students participating in NZSSSC or Sports Tasman sanctioned events must be vaccinated. Without this requirement, large events could not go ahead under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF). This is very unfortunate.

With regard to regular competitions through the year, these are done on a code by code basis. It's likely that each code will follow the NZSSSC approach. Our sports staff are letting coaches, managers, players and whānau know about the vaccine requirements for their code.

Physical Education / Junior PE Uniform

Under the CPF, schools may not run indoor PE classes that involve physical activity. With the change of weather, this is a frustration. Our PE staff are doing their best to keep our rangatahi active.

We've decided to allow Year 9 and 10 students to wear their PE uniform to school on the days that they have PE. This is to reduce congestion in changing rooms at this time. This uniform exception is only for Term 1. Students must wear the Nelson College PE uniform. Sports uniform or mufti is not allowed. Students may wear sports socks and sneakers as they would for PE normally.

Wet Lunch Hours

We've changed our wet lunch hour routines. On a wet lunch hour, students are to go to a particular room allocated to their homeroom. Students will be supervised by staff there.

Further Disruption

Based on government projections, we expect further disruption to school operations and students' learning this term. We are considering a range of options to best support students' learning through this disruption. Our broad, draft plan for operating under Red in the CPF is as follows:

Level 1: Onsite ... Full Operations

Students and staff are at school, learning face-to-face and participating in co-curricular activities as possible.

Level 2: Onsite ... Restricted Operations

A number of students and staff are absent from school due to COVID-19. We will continue to run face-to-face lessons, but with possible modifications (e.g. combined classes).

Level 3: Onsite and Offsite

A high number of students and staff are absent from school due to COVID-19. We will keep some students (e.g. years 7-9, children of essential workers) at school and implement other measures to support student learning (e.g. rostering year levels home).

Level 4: Offsite

The number of students and/or staff absent means that face-to-face learning isn't possible or safe. The school will shift to full online learning.

This plan is very draft and we're working with the Board and Ministry of Education (MOE) to maintain face-to-face student learning as much as possible through the term and year. At this stage we are at Level 1, i.e. we are teaching fully face-to-face. We will notify you if there are any changes to our operations.

Paid Union Meeting

The teachers' union, the PPTA, goes into negotiations with the government this year for their collective agreement. As part of this process, union members take paid union meetings (PUM). Because of COVID-19 and the CPF, meetings will be taking place at individual schools.

The local branch has notified me that they will hold a PUM on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd February. They have chosen this time to minimise disruption to learning with seniors on study leave at this time.

The college will close for tuition after period 4 on Wednesday 23rd February. Students who are unable to get home early, are to go to the library where they will be supervised. This will apply to bus students, as we won't be able to change the bus times for our school alone.

New Website

We're building a new website – www.nelson.school.nz. Funding for this was provided by the Parent Teacher Association with the intention of making navigation easier for whānau and to make the site more mobile-friendly. The current website (www.nelsoncollege.school.nz) still operates but will shut down when we complete moving information across to the new website.

Scooters and Skateboards

We have shifted storage for student scooters and skateboards to the Bike enclosure behind the Technology Block. Students are to bring their own bike chain or equivalent to lock their scooters to the bike racks. This is locked during the day, and we're also planning CCTV coverage of the bay to increase security. Students are not to use the cupboard in the main entrance anymore.

R Dykes
Principal

Welcome Y9s!

Last week we welcomed more than 200 new Y9ers to the NC whanau. They started off with a day of activities – including some that were infiltrated with sneaky questions so the boys could learn some essential facts about start times, bells, home rooms etc etc. It's all go for 2022!



Welcome New & Returning Teachers

This year, we're welcoming some new and returning staff. Left to right: Mikaela Nicholls, Chemistry, Science; Will Luscombe-Smith, Art; Michael Hayes, Student Support; Dan Hanson, Media Studies/English; Annabelle Reeves, English/Yr12Dean; Quinton Gately, Food Technology; Cobus Botes, Technology; Audrey van Hilst, Maths; Sharon Lukitau-Ngaamo, English; and Leonor White, Deputy Principal. Nau mai, haere mai!



Haere Mai to our Preps!

It's been a great start to the year despite the wet weather and Covid RED restrictions. On the first day of school, Prep welcomes the Year 7 and Year 8 students during an outside, socially distanced assembly.



Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop is the only place to get the Nelson College uniform. (03) 546 3265

uniform.shop@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Remember we also have an Online Shop

<https://shop.nelsoncollege.school.nz/>

Opening Hours:

Mondays 1.30 pm – 2.15 pm

Thursdays 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm



New Website – www.nelson.school.nz

Remember, if you need any information about the Calendar, upcoming activities, Absence Forms, newsletters, etc etc, **always check the website first** – www.nelsoncollege.school.nz

Nelson College has several FB pages – these have news, student achievements and updates:

Main Page [\(20+\) Nelson College | Facebook](#)

Old Boys [\(20+\) Nelson College Old Boys | Facebook](#)

Prep [\(20+\) Nelson College Preparatory School | Facebook](#)

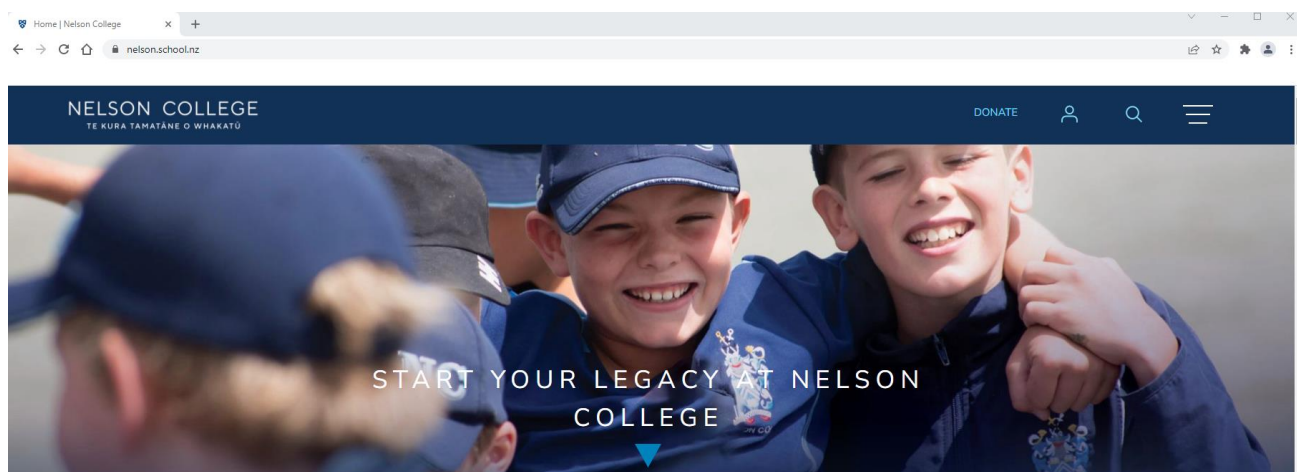
International [\(20+\) Nelson College International | Facebook](#)

Sports [\(20+\) Nelson College Sport | Facebook](#)

Rugby [\(20+\) Nelson College Rugby | Facebook](#)

Mataki Lodge [\(20+\) Mataki Lodge | Facebook](#)

And Instagram! [Nelson College \(@nelson_college_nz\) on Instagram • 153 photos and videos](#)



Student Achievements

Imagine sailing in a Single-Handed Paper Tiger Catamaran for the first time, and then within a few weeks, taking out the Junior National Title.

Congratulations to Noah Malpot for this stunning win! Noah is an experienced sailor of course, also holding a National Title in the Optimist Class.



Nelson College Careers

Kia ora koutou katoa, Nga mihi o te tau hau.

I'm Vikki Heays, the Careers Advisor at Nelson College. I am committed to providing a high level of service for all our boys as they explore, make decisions, and take action around their future pathways after Nelson College. I am available for careers appointments, guidance and advice for students from all levels and for you as parents/caregivers/whanau. To make an appointment, you or your son can email me vh@nelsoncollege.school.nz



If you are a parent of a Y13 student then expect to receive lots (!) of emails from me this year! Please also encourage your son to check their @nc email address regularly – as this is the main form of communication I use with students. If your son is interested in further study at uni or polytech next year, then I will be shepherding you both through this process during the year. This includes managing deadlines and providing lunchtime information seminars for students, and information sessions either in person or virtual for you as parents.



If your son is interested in a trade or working next year, then we will be providing opportunities for your son to connect; including career seminars from industries and workplaces, promoting job opportunities, CV writing, and supporting students to engage in work experience. Chris Phillips is our Trades & Gateway Co-ordinator. She is the person who connects senior students with work experience and work-based opportunities. You can contact Chris on pl@nelsoncollege.school.nz

If your son is still unclear on his pathway for next year (this is perfectly normal!) then I will be actively working with him in a 1:1 capacity.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are always looking to connect students with employers in a variety of ways. In particular, we are always seeking employers/workplaces who would be keen to:

- provide opportunities for students to experience workplaces (for both those planning on going to further study and those who are planning to go into work).
- Send a representative to come and talk with our students about what your world of work looks like, and share your career journey story
- Be industry 'champions!' – come in and promote the area/industry you work in.

These opportunities are so valuable for our boys, so if you have any contacts that may be able to help, we would love to hear from you! <https://forms.office.com/r/y6npitNbGx>

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS:

I will be running a Parents Information Evening in the next few weeks, but with the current situation this will be virtual – so bear with me while I work out how to do this!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		16 Feb Introduction to Uni 1.30pm Library <i>For those considering further study in 2023</i>		
		23 Feb Lincoln Uni Liaison Visit 1.30pm Library <i>Introduction to study at Lincoln</i>		

UNIVERSITY, NMIT, ARA & FURTHER STUDY STUDENTS

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Keep an eye on the school notices for events
- Check your @nc email address regularly
- Attend the University Liaison visits this term to see what is on offer

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS

➤ THINGS TO BE DOING:

- Keep an eye on the school notices for events
- Working towards gaining your Drivers Licence
- Writing a CV
- Thinking about work experience you might like to explore

We look forward to working alongside your sons and meeting you at parent interviews and throughout the year at our Career Events.

Ngā mihi,

Vikki & Chris

Maths Hack!

A wall of bricks is numbered so that each number is the sum of the numbers on the two bricks below it.

Can you fill in the missing numbers?

Answer at the end of the newsletter...



Sports Office Snippets

Welcome to all our new families. The Sports Office is a hive of activity getting summer sports up and running. Your son should have registered for the following sports by now. If he hasn't, simply send Alethea an email se@nelsoncollege.school.nz

- **Cricket:** College grade teams will train during the week and play on a Saturday until the end of March
- **Volleyball:** Junior teams play on a Thursday at Saxton Stadium. As this is a "Vaccine Pass Required" facility, the boys must be double vaccinated to play.
- **Mt Biking:** If your son is a competitive rider and wishes to compete at the South Island Secondary Schools event he should be signed up by now.
- **Sailing:** We are looking for any keen sailors to join our squad.
- **Squash:** The Nelson Squash Club are offering coaching to any boy(s) who would like to learn the game. Please contact Alethea for more information. This will start in a weeks' time so sign up now.

Rugby

Registrations

Rugby Registrations are now open. Please click on this link www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/175096. Please note, NZ Rugby requires all 2022 registered players to have a vaccine pass in order to play 15 a side Rugby. All players can still register and can play 7s and 10s competitions without a pass. Please let Mark Cochrane know if your son cannot play this year. ce@nelsoncollege.school.nz.

2022 Senior & Junior Rugby Academy

The 2022 Senior & Junior Rugby Academy classes have started well. This year has seen the largest uptake since the option became available with 43 seniors and 44 juniors. Due to lots of rain we have been in the classroom covering game management, setting expectations for the year, and getting to know each other. We've managed to get outside on the Front Field for fitness testing and skill development with the boys responding well. Jono Phillips (1st XV Coach), James Marshall (Rugby Coach) and Max Fraine (Strength & Conditioning Trainer) are back delivering an excellent programme and the boys are sure to learn a lot.



Student Office

Online Access for Parents and Caregivers

Recently all new parents and caregivers were sent an email outlining how to access the [Parent Portal](#) on the College website. This email provided sign in instructions, usernames and passwords. Any parent or caregiver can contact the [Student Office](#) if you require your login details.


Sign into the Parent Portal to check:

- Current contact details (update if necessary)
- Attendance
- NCEA entries and results
- Reports
- Fees Information
- Course Selection (Term 3)

NZ Scholarship results are now available

Students can access their NCEA results using their student login

[Login here](#) ↗



NCEA 2021 Exam Results

For results, return of exam papers, ordering result documents/certificates [NCEA results » NZQA](#), reviews and reconsiderations go to: [Reviews and reconsiderations » NZQA](#)

- Any NCEA Reviews and Reconsiderations must be made by Friday 25th February.
- Any NZ Scholarship Reviews and Reconsiderations must be made by Friday 4^h March.

Queries regarding any of the above please contact either:

Principal's Nominee Leonor White lw@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Or Sandra Cahill sc@nelsoncollege.school.nz

All Things Finance

You may have noticed that you are hearing from Sharon and Jo in the Finance Office more frequently this year if you have any charges outstanding on your son's account. Statements for the Day School are being emailed, and in some cases posted every fortnight to keep you up to date with your son's charges. You can also sign-on through the [parent portal](#) to track your account.



When making payments via direct credit, please quote your son's name, Student ID number and / or what you are paying. If you are making payment for multiple charges, please email Jo to advise what the payment is for. This is most helpful in ensuring the payment is allocated to the correct charges. Email si@nelsoncollege.school.nz

The Nelson College bank account number is stated on all statements sent out.

Nelson College

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For Boarding and Prep account queries, please email Sharon on: sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz

Setting up an automatic payment can help ease the financial pressure; please organise this with your bank. We also have Eftpos and PayWave facilities. We hold very little volumes of cash and therefore if paying by cash, the correct money would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to make contact with Sharon and Jo anytime. The Finance Office is open between 8am and 4pm daily.

Fell House Group Accommodation

Do you have a sports team or community group coming to Nelson that needs accommodation?

Nelson College Fell House has all-year-round dormitory style accommodation with some private single rooms. We cater to groups only, so we're the perfect facility for sports and community groups, as well as courses. As a year-round accommodation, there is nothing to compare in Nelson. Its location on the edge of the school campus means that incoming groups can use the building without impeding on the day-to-day running of the school.

We have a full Dining Room with catering for all meals. Depending on the timing of the bookings, there is also access to the School Hall, gyms, pool and playing fields.

In the last few years, Fell has hosted sports teams and groups from around the country – from basketball to judo as well as orchestras and St Johns, at a school and community level. The dormitory style makes it perfect for teams, with the separate wings able to facilitate different hirers at the same time.

Our rates are very competitive! For more information, contact Sharon Dawson on sd@nelsoncollege.school.nz



Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!



RELAY FOR LIFE

Register now!



Relay **Your Way!**

Nelson Tasman

Let's do something remarkable together!

relayforlife.org.nz/nelontasman



NAMING SPONSOR

G.J. Gardner. HOMES



Come down to the Nelson Rowing Club and have a go! 5 week learn to row course for College rowers starts Monday 14 February.

- Monday and Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm
- Saturday mornings 8:30-10:30am
- Contact info@nelsonrowing.co.nz to register and for further information or call our Novice Coach Kylie Johnson on 027 329 1398

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